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Draft report

Addendum

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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1992-1997

Programme 33. Regional cooperation for development in Latin America and the Caribbean

1. At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 19 May, the Committee considered the proposed revisions to programme 33 (Regional cooperation for development in Latin American and the Caribbean) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6 (Prog. 33)).

Discussion

2. A number of delegations considered that, in the light of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 46/145, a new subprogramme on regional and subregional economic integration should have been proposed. One delegation expressed the view that the resources required for the implementation of such a subprogramme should be obtained through redeployment.

3. A number of delegations were of the view that, while regional commissions could undertake activities in the area of international drug control, as

referred to in the new paragraph 33.69 in the revisions, the leading role of the United Nations Drug Control Programme in this area should be reinforced.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recommended the approval of the revisions to programme 33 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, with the following modifications:

(a) New paragraph 33.69: The text of the new paragraph should be replaced by the following: "In the context of the drug trafficking situation in the countries of the region, there is an urgent need to study and elaborate the economic impact caused by the production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;"

(b) New paragraph 33.70: To fulfil that need ECLAC shall undertake any appropriate follow-up and complementary work to the recent UNDCP studies and research and analysis of the economic and social impact of drug production, trafficking and consumption and formulations of alternative development programmes to remedy this impact; provision of technical assistance in the formulation of national policies to prevent and reduce the production, trafficking and consumption of illicit drugs and psychotropic substances.

5. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to prepare a new subprogramme on regional and subregional economic integration in Latin America and the Caribbean as called for in General Assembly resolution 46/145 and submit it to the Committee at the second part of its thirty-second session. The objectives of the subprogramme would be to promote full utilization of multilateral and bilateral cooperation mechanisms provided for in the regional and subregional integration and cooperation plans with a view to developing trade and economic development in the region.

6. The Committee invited ECLAC, in line with General Assembly resolution 46/166, to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of its activities related to the promotion of entrepreneurship, in particular through private sector development in interested countries, through small and medium-sized enterprises.